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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. (Currently Amended) A cash register alarm system comprising:
a cash drawer having a back wall and a bottom wall;
a tray having a bottom wall and a back wall and being ~~removably~~
removably disposed upon said bottom wall of said cash drawer, said tray
further having a plurality of partitions spaced apart and forming
compartments in said tray;
a plurality of sensors disposed in said compartments ~~and in said~~
~~bottom wall of said tray for detecting whether said compartments have any~~
~~paper money contained therein~~ for detecting the presence of paper money in
said compartment; and
a plurality of electrical current contact members disposed upon said
back wall of said tray and upon said back wall of said cash drawer;
wherein each said sensor of said plurality of sensors is a light-
sensitive detector actuated when said sensor is exposed to light;
wherein each said sensor of said plurality of sensors is mounted on
said bottom wall of said compartment of said tray such that placement of
paper money in said compartment blocks light from reaching said sensor and
removal of paper money from the compartment exposes said sensor to light.
2. (Original) A cash register alarm system as described in claim 1,
wherein said electrical current contact members disposed upon said tray are
connected to said sensors with wires.
3. (Original) A cash register alarm system as described in claim 2,
wherein said electrical current contact members disposed upon said cash
drawer are connected to the alarm system with wires.

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4. (Original) A cash register alarm system as described in claim 3, wherein each of said electrical current contact members of said tray is in contactable relationship with a respective one of said electrical current contact members of said cash drawer.

5. (Original) A cash register alarm system as described in claim 4, wherein said sensors are connected to one another in series such that more than one of said sensors would need to be actuated before an electrical impulse would be transmitted to the alarm system.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A cash register alarm system as described in claim [[[6]]] 1, wherein said light-sensitive detectors are interconnected with wires.

8. (Original) A cash register alarm system as described in claim 7, wherein said electrical current contact members of said tray are disposed on an exterior of said back wall thereof.

9. (Original) A cash register alarm system as described in claim 8, wherein said electrical current contact members of said cash drawer are disposed on an interior of said back wall thereof, each of said electrical current contact members of said cash drawer being aligned and in contactable relationship with a respective one of said electrical current contact members of said tray so that the alarm system is connected to said sensors.

10. (Currently Amended) A cash register alarm system comprising:
a cash drawer having a back wall and a bottom wall;

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a tray having a bottom wall and a back wall and being removeably disposed upon said bottom wall of said cash drawer, said tray further having a plurality of partitions spaced apart and forming compartments in said tray;

a plurality of sensors disposed in said compartments and ~~in said bottom wall of said tray for detecting whether said compartments have any paper money contained therein~~ for detecting the presence of paper money in said compartment; and

wherein each said sensor of said plurality of sensors is a light-sensitive detector actuated when said sensor is exposed to light;

wherein each said sensor of said plurality of sensors is mounted on said bottom wall of said compartment of said tray such that placement of paper money in said compartment blocks light from reaching said sensor and removal of paper money from the compartment exposes said sensor to light;

a plurality of electrical current contact members disposed upon said back wall of said tray and upon said back wall of said cash drawer, said electrical current contact members disposed upon said tray being connected to said sensors with wires, said electrical current contact members disposed upon said cash drawer being connected to the alarm system with wires, each of said electrical current contact members of said tray being in contactable relationship with a respective one of said electrical current contact members of said cash drawer, said sensors being connected to one another in series such that more than one of said sensors would need to be actuated before an electrical impulse would be transmitted to the alarm system, ~~said sensors being essentially light-sensitive detectors which are actuated when they are exposed to light,~~ said light-sensitive detectors being interconnected with wires, said electrical current contact members of said tray being disposed on an exterior of said back wall thereof, said electrical current contact members of said cash drawer being disposed on an interior of said back wall thereof, each of said electrical current contact members of said cash drawer being aligned and in contactable relationship with a respective one of said

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electrical current contact members of said tray so that the alarm system is connected to said sensors.

11. (New) The cash register alarm system of claim 10 wherein said tray has four compartments, one of said sensors being positioned in each of said compartments, each of said compartments being further subdivided by a medial partition positioned at a spaced location from said back wall of said tray, each of said sensors being located adjacent to said medial partition.

12. (New) The cash register alarm system of claim 1 wherein said tray has four compartments, one of said sensors being positioned in each of said compartments, each of said compartments being further subdivided by a medial partition positioned at a spaced location from said back wall of said tray, each of said sensors being located adjacent to said medial partition.